

THE STATE OF TEXAS * GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
COUNTY OF KENEDY * OF KENEDY COUNTY, TEXAS

On the 16th day of August, 2023, at 9:00 AM, a regular meeting of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District was held at the Kenedy County Courthouse Courtroom in Sarita, TX.

Directors present:

Edward Bordovsky, President
Verl Cash, Vice-President
Esteban Lopez, Secretary
Sonny Burns, Member

Also present:

Andy Garza, General Manager
Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant
Chuck Burns, Kenedy County Judge

Absent:

Danny Butler

1. Call Meeting to Order

Edward Bordovsky, President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and announced that a quorum was present.

2. Public Comments

None were offered.

3. Discuss & Act on Minutes of July 19, 2023 Regular Meeting

Edward Bordovsky presented the Directors with the July 19, 2023 regular meeting minutes.

Verl Cash moved and Sonny Burns seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2023 regular meeting as presented.

4. Receive General Manager's Activity Report & Act, If Necessary, Regarding:

- a. Communications**
- b. Well registrations**
- c. Brush Country GCD meeting**
- d. Duval County GCD meeting**
- e. Starr County GCD update**
- f. Region N newsletter**
- g. Region M meeting; August 2, 2023**
- h. Texas Groundwater Summit; August 29-31, 2023**

- i. Update on District rules**
- j. Kleberg County Appraisal District correspondence**
- k. Website makeover**
- l. Joint groundwater monitoring and contamination report**
- m. 4-H Water Ambassadors Program update**
- n. Drought report**
- o. News articles**
- p. Other**

Andy Garza, General Manager, reported on the following:

a. Communications: Garza reported that since the District's July, 2023 meeting, he had communicated with Jacob Hart, representative for Occidental, regarding some information for the minutes of July 19, 2023; Hannah Holmes, Streamline website specialist, regarding the possibility of contracting with Streamline to do a website makeover; Kristen Fancher, legal counsel for the Kenedy County GCD, regarding rule amendments as per legislation passed by the 88th Texas Legislature; Daniel Garcia, Brooks County Chief Appraiser, regarding email addresses and David Smith, Texas A&M Extension Specialist, regarding the availability of 4-H Water Ambassadors in our area to make a presentation to the Directors.

b. Well registrations: Garza informed the Directors that no wells had been registered since the last meeting.

c. Brush Country GCD meeting: Garza reported that the Brush Country GCD had met on July 26, 2023 in Falfurrias, TX and reviewed the highlights of the meeting.

d. Duval County GCD meeting: Garza stated that the Duval County GCD had met on July 27, 2023 in Benavides, TX and reviewed the highlights of the meeting.

e. Starr County GCD update: Garza informed the Directors that the Starr County GCD has not met since April, 2023.

f. Region N newsletter: Garza shared with the Directors a newsletter covering the activities of the Region N planning committee.

g. Region M meeting; August 2, 2023: Garza reported that he is the liaison from Region N to Region M and had attended a Region M meeting in Weslaco, TX on August 2, 2023

h. Texas Groundwater Summit; August 29-31, 2023: Garza informed the Directors that he will be attending the Texas Groundwater Summit in San Antonio, TX on August 29-31, 2023.

i. Update on District rules: Garza stated that he will be meeting with Kristen Fancher during the Texas Groundwater Summit to discuss rule amendments that may be needed as a result of legislation passed by the 88th Texas legislature.

j. Kleberg County Appraisal District correspondence: Garza reviewed with the Directors correspondence that he had received from the Kleberg County Appraisal District regarding a nominating ballot that will determine the nominees for the election to be held in the fall, 2023.

k. Website makeover: Garza reported that he had participated in a video conference with Hannah Holmes, Streamline Website Services agent, at which time Ms. Holmes explained the services offered by her company along with costs for their services.

l. Joint groundwater monitoring and contamination report: Garza informed the Directors that he acquired a copy of a report entitled “Joint Groundwater Monitoring and Contamination Report” that is prepared annually by the Texas Groundwater Protection Committee.

m. 4-H Water Ambassadors Program update: Garza reported that he will be contacting a 4-H Water Ambassador from the area to make a presentation to the Directors at either the October or November, 2023 meeting.

n. Drought report: Garza provided the Directors with the latest U.S. Drought Monitor map for Texas.

o. News articles: Garza handed out news articles pertinent to groundwater issues.

p. Other: Garza provided the Directors with a copy of the Texas 88th Legislative Session Wrap-Up prepared by Leah Martinsson of TAGD.

Esteban Lopez moved and Sonny Burns seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to accept the General Manager’s report as presented.

5. Discuss & Act on 2023 Second Quarter Investment Report

Leo Villarreal reviewed the 2023 Second Quarter Investment Report with the Directors. Villarreal reported the following balances as of June, 2023: Checking-\$426,393.24; Corporate Bonds-\$200,770.11 and Annuity Fund-\$330,447.12. A total of \$3,621.39 of interest was earned during the 2023 Second Quarter.

Verl Cash moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to accept the 2023 Second Quarter Investment Report as presented by Leo Villarreal.

6. Discuss & Act on Kenedy County Certification of 2023 No New Revenue Tax Rate And 2023 Voter Approval Tax Rate

Leo Villarreal and Andy Garza reviewed with the Directors the 2023 No New Revenue, \$0.011954/\$100, and the Voter Approval, \$0.013065/\$100, tax rates as calculated by the Kenedy County Tax Office.

Sonny Burns moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to accept the 2023 No New Revenue and Voter Approval tax rates as calculated by the Kenedy County Tax Office.

7. Discuss & Act on Kenedy County Certification of 2023 Total Appraised Value, Total Assessed Value, Total Taxable Value and Total New Property Taxable Value

Leo Villarreal and Andy Garza reviewed with the Directors the total appraised value (\$2,027,933,469), total assessed value (\$2,027,763,960), total taxable value (\$1,922,591,411) and the total taxable value of new property (\$2,176,877) for the Kenedy County GCD for 2023.

Esteban Lopez moved and Sonny Burns seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to approve the total appraised value, total assessed value, total taxable value and the total new property taxable value for the Kenedy County GCD for 2023 as provided by the Kenedy County Tax Office.

8. Discuss & Act on Kenedy County Certification of 2023 Anticipated Collection Rate

Leo Villarreal reported that the 2023 anticipated collection rate for the Kenedy County GCD for 2023 will be 99.87% as per data provided by the Kenedy County Tax Office.

Sonny Burns moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to accept the anticipated collection rate of 99.87% for the Kenedy County GCD for 2023.

9. Discuss & Act on Adding Budget Line Item for Construction and Repairs for New Building

Leo Villarreal recommended that a budget line item be added to cover the construction and repair expenses for a GCD building starting in 2024.

Esteban Lopez moved and Sonny Burns seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to add a line item to the 2024 budget to cover construction and repair expenses for a GCD building.

10. Conduct 2024 Budget and 2023 Tax Rate Workshop

The Directors reviewed budgets based on the no new revenue tax rate of \$0.011954/\$100 that would generate \$229,826 and the voter approval tax rate of \$0.013065 that would generate \$251,186. After discussing anticipated new costs in the future, the Directors settled on the budget based on the voter approval tax rate.

No vote was needed and none was taken.

11. Discuss & Act on Proposed 2024 Budget and Publish Hearing as Required by Law

Edward Bordovsky asked the Directors to act on a proposed budget for 2024 based on information received in agenda item #10.

Verl Cash moved and Sonny Burns seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to propose a budget in the amount of \$251,186 for fiscal year 2024.

12. Discuss & Act on Proposed 2023 Tax Rate and Publish Hearing as Required by Law

Edward Bordovsky asked the Directors to act on a proposed tax rate for 2023 based on the information received in agenda item #10.

Sonny Burns moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to propose a tax rate of \$0.013065 for 2023.

13. Receive Update on Proposed GCD Building

Leo Villarreal and Judge Chuck Burns informed the Directors that communications regarding the availability of land for the new GCD building with John Meyer and the Kenedy Memorial Foundation continue and that various options to finance to the new GCD building are under consideration.

No vote was needed and none was taken.

14. Discuss & Act on Date for Next Regular and Special Board Meetings

Edward Bordovsky informed the Directors that dates needed to be set for the next regular and special meetings.

Sonny Burns moved and Esteban Lopez seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to hold the next regular meeting at 9:00 AM on September 13, 2023 and the special meeting at 10:30 AM on September 28, 2023 in Sarita, TX.

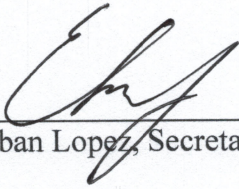
15. Discuss & Act on Payment of Bills for August, 2023

Edward Bordovsky presented to the Directors the bills for August, 2023 for consideration and payment.

Verl Cash moved and Sonny Burns seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously to pay the bills for August, 2023 as presented.

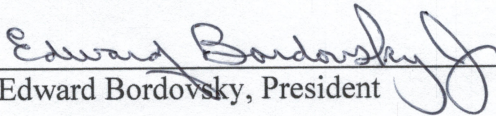
16. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Board of Directors, Sonny Burns moved and Verl Cash seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 10:20 AM.



Esteban Lopez, Secretary

ATTESTED TO:



Edward Bordovsky, President